

## Sanders County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
School Age		White Alone	Black Alone	Alone	Islander Alone				
5 to 9	Total Female	444	205	0	0	36	16	3	2
10 to 14		615	302	1	0	41	20	1	0
15 to 19		801	392	2	1	44	26	4	1
20 to 24		504	226	1	0	34	16	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total Female</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>
Working Age		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
15+	White Alone	8,151	4,094	13	4	392	179	37	26
15-64		6,353	3,175	13	4	333	156	32	22
20+		7,350	3,702	11	3	348	153	33	25
20-64		5,552	2,783	11	3	289	130	28	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>White Alone</b>	<b>9,667</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>
Other Age Group		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
0 to 4	White Alone	457	217	1	1	34	17	2	0
5 to 19		1,860	899	3	1	121	62	8	3
20 to 44		2,370	1,176	7	2	150	75	17	14
45 to 64		3,182	1,607	4	1	139	55	11	7
65+		1,798	919	0	0	59	23	5	4
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.

Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

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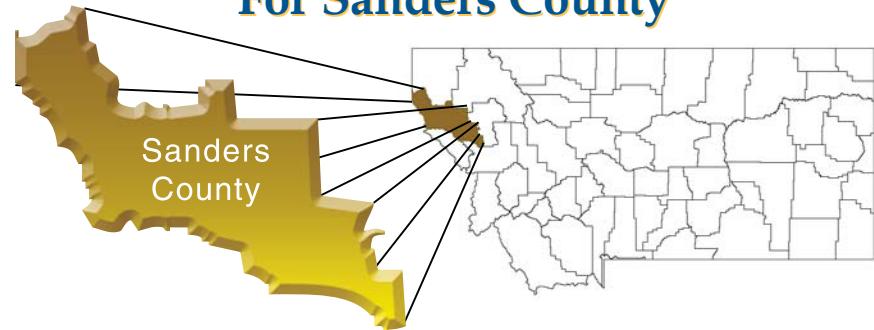
## Department of Labor and Industry



### Labor Market Information

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### For Sanders County



### Top 10 Private Employers in Sanders County

Listed in Alphabetical Order with Employment Size Class

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Avista Utilities	4	Monarch School	4
Clark Fork Valley Hospital	6	Quinn's Hot Springs Resort	4
Evergreen Hot Springs Health	4	Sander's County Harvest Foods	4
First State Bank	5	Spring Creek Lodge	6
Lawyer Nursery	5	Thompson River Lumber	5

Employment Size Class Coding 6=100-249 employees; 5=50-99 employees; 4=20-49 employees; 3=10-19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.

Fourth Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

### Cities and Towns in Sanders County

Belknap ■ Dixon ■ Heron ■ Hot Springs  
Lonepine ■ Noxon ■ Paradise ■ Perma  
Plains ■ Thompson Falls ■ Trout Creek



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Located in northwestern Montana, Sanders County is Montana's 17th most populous with 10,945 residents, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Thompson Falls, the county seat, is the state's 48th largest city with a population of 1,379, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The 2004 Employment by Industry table (see inside) shows the government sector has about 22 percent of the total employment. Private health care accounts for 18 percent of the total private employment, and private educational services covers 11 percent of total employment, which includes one of the county's largest private employers, Spring Creek Lodge (a boarding school). Manufacturing is strong in Sanders County with 11 percent of the total private employment, mainly in wood products manufacturing. This compares to the manufacturing statewide total of six percent.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Sanders County households in 2002 was \$27,293, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income addresses the per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1905 and named after Wilbur Fisk Sanders, pioneer and U.S. senator from Montana. Thompson Falls is surrounded by millions of acres of National Forest offering a variety of recreational activities, including camping, hunting, berry picking, and wildlife viewing. Thompson Falls dam was built in 1917 and visitors can view the spectacular sight from a wooded island.

## Sanders County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004	7/1/2003	7/1/2002	4/1/2000	4/1/1990	Percent Change	Percent Change	Percent Change	Percent Change	Percent Change
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Census	Census	2003-2004	2002-2003	2000-2004	2000-2003	1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Sanders County	10,945	10,520	10,436	10,227	8,669	4.0%	0.8%	7.0%	2.9%	18.0%
Hot Springs	560	540	537	531	363	3.7%	0.6%	5.5%	1.1%	46.3%
Plains	1,237	1,167	1,149	1,126	1,040	6.0%	1.6%	9.9%	2.0%	8.3%
Thompson Falls	1,379	1,329	1,320	1,321	1,319	3.8%	0.7%	4.4%	-0.1%	0.2%

## 2000 Sanders County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Sanders	County of Work	# Who Live in Sanders
		County	County
Out of State	83	Out of State	180
Blaine County	2	Big Horn County	7
Flathead County	24	Flathead County	13
Gallatin County	3	Granite County	5
Glacier County	9	Lake County	181
Lake County	100	Lewis & Clark County	6
Lincoln County	19	Lincoln County	12
Mineral County	12	Mineral County	41
Missoula County	19	Missoula County	81
Park County	7	Powell County	4
Ravalli County	4	Ravalli County	17
Sanders County	3,337	Sanders County	3,337
		Silver Bow County	6
		Sweet Grass County	4
		Other Montana Counties	9

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Sanders County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	3,952	2,201	1,751
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	1,190	591	599
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	528	306	222
Management, except farmers and farm managers	301	177	124
Farmers and farm managers	156	113	43
Business and financial operations occupations:	71	16	55
Professional and related occupations:	662	285	377
Education, training, and library occupations	297	103	194
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	151	55	96
Service occupations:	623	144	479
Protective service occupations:	59	43	16
Food preparation and serving related occupations	259	38	221
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	131	39	92
Personal care and service occupations	125	18	107
Sales and office occupations:	666	200	466
Sales and related occupations	292	139	153
Office and administrative support occupations	374	61	313
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	208	179	29
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	574	552	22
Construction and extraction occupations:	382	360	22
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	192	192	0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	691	535	156
Production occupations	335	240	95
Motor vehicle operators	197	172	25
Material moving workers	139	113	26

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, [www.census.gov/eeo/2001](http://www.census.gov/eeo/2001).

## Resources

### Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at:  
<http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

### Chambers of Commerce:

Hot Springs Chamber, Box 580, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-2662,  
Plains-Paradise Chamber, P. O. Box 1531, Plains, MT 59859-1531, 406-826-4700  
Thompson Falls Chamber, P. O. Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930

### Department of Labor and Industry:

**Sanders County Job Service Workforce Center**  
2 Tradewinds Way, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3472,  
<http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/thompsonfalls>

### Economic Development:

Sanders County Community Development Corporation, P. O. Box 1326, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-6935

### Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### Internet:

Check the Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>  
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Dixon, Heron, Hot Springs, Lonepine, Noxon, Paradise, Plains, Thompson Falls, and Trout Creek, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

### Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

**Drivers' Licensing**  
Thompson Falls-Courthouse, 1111 Main St., 406-827-6938

### Newspapers:

*Valley Press*, P. O. Box 667, Plains, MT 59859-0667, 406-826-3402  
*Sanders County Ledger*, P. O. Box 219, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3421,

### Public Libraries:

Laurie Hill Library, P. O. Box 128, Heron, MT 59844-0128, 406-847-2520  
Preston Town County Library, 203 E. Main, Hot Springs, MT 59845-0850,  
406-741-3491  
Plains Public Library District, 108 W. Railroad, Plains, MT 59859-0339, 406-826-3101  
Thompson Falls Public Library, 911 Main St., Thompson Falls, MT 59873-0337,  
406-827-3547

### Sanders County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Camas Prairie Elementary, 781 County Road 382, Plains, MT 59859, 406-741-2837  
Dixon Elementary, P. O. Box 10, Dixon, MT 59831, 406-246-3566  
Hot Springs Public Schools, P. O. Box 1005, Hot Springs, MT 59845, 406-741-3285  
Noxon Public Schools, 300 Noxon Ave., Noxon, MT 59853, 406-847-2442



## Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

P.O. Box 1728 Helena, MT 59624  
Phone: (406) 444-2430/Fax: (406) 444-2638 Toll Free: (800) 541-3904

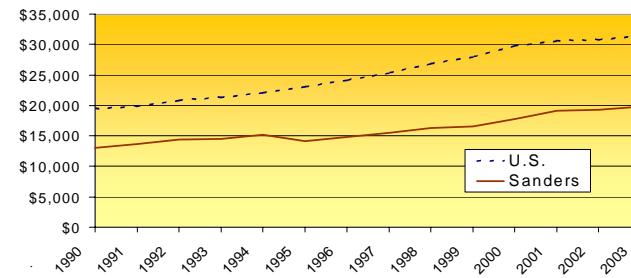
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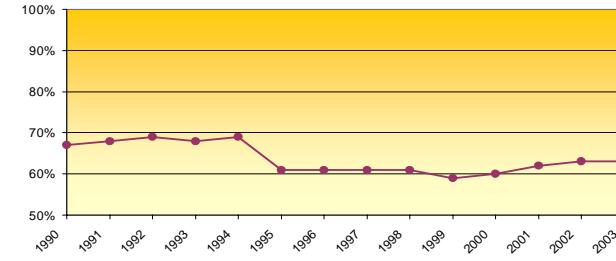
Be sure to check our location quotients for Sanders County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Sanders County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Sanders County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Sanders County than in the nation as a whole.

## Sanders County Per Capita Personal Income

### Per Capita Personal Income



### Percent of National Average



Year	U.S.	Sanders County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Sanders County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$19,832	63%	1996	\$24,175	\$14,834	61%
2002	\$30,804	\$19,305	63%	1995	\$23,076	\$14,185	61%
2001	\$30,575	\$19,107	62%	1994	\$22,172	\$15,255	69%
2000	\$29,847	\$17,783	60%	1993	\$21,346	\$14,519	68%
1999	\$27,939	\$16,601	59%	1992	\$20,854	\$14,387	69%
1998	\$26,883	\$16,319	61%	1991	\$19,892	\$13,608	68%
1997	\$25,334	\$15,485	61%	1990	\$19,477	\$13,032	67%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Paradise Elementary, P. O. Box 126, Paradise, MT 59856, 406-826-3344

Plains Public Schools, P. O. Box 549, Plains, MT 59859, 406-826-3666

Thompson Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 129, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-3323

Trout Creek Elementary, 85 Pine St., Trout Creek, MT 59874, 406-827-3629

## Sanders County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed		Unemployment	
		Unemployed		Rate	
2004	4,575	4,234	341	7.5%	
2003	4,441	4,098	343	7.7%	
2002	4,357	4,008	349	8.0%	
2001	4,361	4,016	345	7.9%	

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

## Sanders County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	464
Oilseed & Grain Farming	8
Vegetable & Melon Farming	5
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	2
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	19
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	116
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	202
Cattle Feedlots	7
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	0
Hog & Pig Farming	1
Poultry & Egg Production	5
Sheep & Goat Farming	10
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	89

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

## Sanders County Employment by Industry\*

### Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	454	3,093	\$68,198,958	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4	4	\$26,562
TOTAL PRIVATE	410	2,400	\$49,907,164	Nonstore Retailers	6	9	\$169,193
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	29	115	\$2,959,742	TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	24	75	\$1,444,042
Crop Production	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Truck Transportation	20	50	\$1,224,583
Animal Production	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	3	25	\$218,301
Forestry & Logging	21	52	\$1,279,042	Postal Service	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Fishing, Hunting & Trapping	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		INFORMATION	5	39	\$1,393,103
Agriculture & Forestry Support	5	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Publishing Industries, Except Internet	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
MINING	7	34	\$946,905	Telecommunications	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Mining, Except Oil & Gas	7	34	\$946,905	FINANCE & INSURANCE	9	92	\$2,451,723
UTILITIES	7	44	\$2,400,618	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
CONSTRUCTION	72	190	\$4,160,898	Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	6	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Construction of Buildings	26	54	\$1,136,061	REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	13	26	\$563,379
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	11	25	\$697,485	Real Estate	9	21	\$529,578
Specialty Trade Contractors	35	110	\$2,327,352	Rental & Leasing Services	4	5	\$33,801
MANUFACTURING	34	261	\$5,814,356	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	19	41	\$1,160,401
Food Manufacturing	4	23	\$242,331	ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	8	16	\$153,233
Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Administrative & Support Services	5	9	\$80,725
Apparel Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Waste Management & Remediation Services	3	7	\$72,508
Wood Product Manufacturing	12	161	\$3,683,290	PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	6	262	\$6,988,728
Chemical Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	35	429	\$9,239,741
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	4	20	\$512,500	Ambulatory Health Care Services	13	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	5	40	\$1,069,938	Hospitals	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	5	93	\$1,412,741
Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Social Assistance	15	86	\$1,270,006
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	4	8	\$125,423	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	10	34	\$370,919
WHOLESALE TRADE	10	41	\$1,132,849	Amusements, Gambling & Recreation	10	34	\$370,919
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	4	20	\$429,392	ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	48	312	\$2,779,758
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	5	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Accommodation	13	106	\$1,109,353
Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Food Services & Drinking Places	35	207	\$1,670,405
RETAIL TRADE	54	317	\$4,807,155	OTHER SERVICES	24	73	\$1,139,614
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	8	42	\$826,958	Repair & Maintenance	9	28	\$540,100
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Personal & Laundry Services	4	1	\$43,850
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	12	67	\$1,138,726	Membership Associations & Organizations	7	32	\$434,452
Food & Beverage Stores	8	96	\$1,496,470	Private Households	5	12	\$121,212
Health & Personal Care Stores	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44	693	\$18,291,794
Gasoline Stations	9	85	\$960,532	Local Government	17	499	\$11,293,876
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		State Government	12	62	\$2,037,896
Sporting Good, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Federal Government	15	133	\$4,960,022
General Merchandise Stores	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE					

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) \*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.